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**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - June 5, 2006

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Arif Ali Durrani was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Larry A. Burns to serve 150 months in federal custody, based on Durrani's conviction for illegally exporting military aircraft components.

In March 2006, a federal jury in San Diego found Durrani guilty of multiple violations of the Arms Export Control Act. Specifically, the jury convicted Durrani of four counts of Exporting Defense Articles Without a License and one count of Conspiracy to Commit Offenses Against the United States.

According to Assistant United States Attorney William Cole, who prosecuted the case, the evidence at trial established that Durrani intentionally conspired with other persons to illegally export military aircraft parts from the United States to the United Arab Emirates, Malaysia and Belgium. According to Cole, the evidence at trial revealed that at least some of the parts were destined for Iran. The illegal exports included: temperature control amplifiers for the General Electric J85 turbine engine used on the F-5 fighter and other

military aircraft; an afterburner hydraulic actuator for the J85 engine; and 1st Stage Turbine Nozzles for the Honeywell T55 engine used on the Chinook military helicopter.

According to court documents, Durrani, a Pakistani national, was previously convicted in 1987 of violating the Arms Export Control Act by illegally exporting HAWK missile system components from the United States. Durrani was subsequently ordered deported from the United States. The evidence at trial in March established that after his deportation, Durrani settled in Rosarito Beach, Mexico, and from there orchestrated the illegal exports for which the jury found him guilty this year.

United States Attorney Lam said, “Mr. Durrani earned this lengthy prison sentence by choosing to violate the Arms Export Control Act not once, but twice.”

In addition to the 150-month sentence, Judge Burns ordered that Durrani serve a 3-year term of supervised release following prison.

**DEFENDANT**

**Criminal Case No. 05-CR-1746-LAB**

Arif Ali Durrani

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Count 1: Title 18, United States Code, Section 371 - Conspiracy to Commit Offenses Against the United States; Maximum penalties: 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine

Counts 2 through 5: Title 22, United States Code, Sections 2778(b)(2) and © - Exporting Defense Articles Without a License; Maximum penalties per count: 10 years in prison and a \$1,000,000 fine

**PARTICIPATING AGENCIES**

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security  
Defense Criminal Investigative Service  
Department of State